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## Vespers

On last Sunday afternoon a great crowd gathered in Andrew Rankin Chapel to hear Vice-President Fairbanks speak. When they arrived many were disappointed to see the seat on the rostrum occupied, not by the Vice-President, but by another. This man was the Rev. Robert N. Moore of Foundry M. E. Church, this city. He realized that some might be disappointed at not seeing the President of the Senate, and had Dr. Thirkield announce that if any such be present he would not object to their retiring if they so desired. This only served to arouse the people's curiosity and confidence for all felt that a man so independent must have something to say well worth hearing. Suffice it to say that none were disappointed but all went away bearing in their minds a message. The speaker took for his text, "Master, we have toiled all night and have taken nothing." (Luke VI: 5), and from this drew lessons of practical every day life,—of failure through despondency and failure through lack of effort, of success through faith, and success snatched from the jaws of failure simply by taking the Master at His word and launching out into the deep at His bidding. He showed that success was not always economic well being or honor and position, but even the humblest and most lowly might be a success if they are walking in the ways of the Almighty and shaping their lives according to the rules He lays down. The whole sermon was a lesson of hope; and many who came there feeling disheartened and discouraged because they felt that they

had toiled hard and had taken nothing, went away with renewed hope, feeling that, probably, after all, they had not failed entirely and that there was yet a chance for redemption and hope of success left to them.

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## A Tie Game

The fastest, most furious, and hotly contested basket ball game of the season was waged last Saturday night between the Spartans, a one-time championship team, and the plucky Armstrong quint of which Andy Tryce is captain. Rivalry between these two teams runs rife and whenever they meet, the spectators are sure to get a good run for their money. The game was characterized more by individual plays than by team work. Each man played as though the victory depended on his own individual efforts and not on the team as a whole. Many grand stand plays were pulled off as a result of this, but the much desired end was not obtained by either team. The game became so furious that it was feared that the contest would have to be stopped on account of what appeared to be roughness. The only wonder is that no one was seriously injured, though Clifford had to be taken out of the game in the early part of the second half. His field work was prominent by the absence of fouls on his part, which usually characterize his playing. The work of Danridge, Beckwith, Curtis, and Penn, brought many plaudits from the galleries.

At the end of the second half the score stood six to six. It was decided to play until the tie could be broken by a field goal. The

contest was again renewed. Then came the real struggle for goal and victory but after about 15 minutes of hard and fast play, Mars yet seemed doubtful, neither side scoring. The game had to be called on account of lateness of the hour, and some of the players exhausted, had to be assisted off the floor.

There was also a preliminary game between the M street Mid-gets and the Young Techs, in which game the sphere was by far more cleverly manipulated than in the game between the more experienced players. Score M St. Midgets, 15; Young Techs, 12.

## Notice

The University Choir, assisted by the Orchestra, will give a song service in Andrew Rankin Chapel, Sunday March 7, 1909.

## Pestalozzi-Froebel

At the meeting of the Pestalozzi-Froebel Society on last Friday, an excellent literary and musical program was rendered before a fair sized and appreciative audience. This was the first of an extended series of programs outlined. In addition to the regular members of the Society, many noted artists will appear from time to time during this semester.

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## Journal Popularity Contest

A present to give away and no one to accept it! This is the predicament in which the Journal Publishing Company finds itself at the present time. Some time ago, with a view to arousing some interest and stirring up a better life around the hill, the Journal offered to give a prize to the man who could poll the greatest number of votes over two hundred and fifty, as the most popular college man at Howard. Coupons were printed in the columns of the Journal and were to run four weeks but at the end of the four weeks no votes appeared. Still hopeful and desiring to give the prize to the deserving man, the company decided to run the coupons two weeks longer and felt quite certain that at the end of the six weeks they would be able to bestow the trophy, but alas,

alas, there was nothing doing: no votes came in, nobody wanted the prize, nobody thought enough of anybody else to try to help him get the prize. And we are forced to hold it for want of a claimant. What was the matter? Well, we are sure we don't know; probably everybody thought himself the most popular man but was too modest to cast his vote that way, probably there were so many popular men that no one was able to make an honest choice, probably there are no popular men. Only one, Mr. C. B. Curley, was able to get enough votes to be counted; he polled fifty-six. Some others got from one to five but practically nobody got enough to open the contest. We are afraid that it was not due to any of the causes enumerated above, but we are forced to believe that it was all due to a lack of interest in the affair around here. Nobody, we fear, had enough interest in anything or anybody, to go to the trouble of cutting out a coupon and sending it in. Now this is a lamentable state of affairs. If we can not get interest and enthusiasm aroused, how on earth can we expect to create any Howard spirit? There can be no school spirit nor any other kind of spirit without interest and enthusiasm and there can be no loyalty or patriotism without spirit and enthusiasm. We must get together and stir up some interest in our affairs if we ever hope to create a real Howard spirit or any real lasting enduring love for our Alma Mater.

## Inter-Collegiate Debates

At last the halting point has been passed and after much halting and hesitating, much disagreement and disappointment, it seems that we are going to have some real inter-collegiate debates this year. Arrangements have been completed for a contest with Lincoln University, the team has been chosen, the date fixed, and the subject and sides settled, and we now feel sure that Howard will meet Lincoln in Baltimore on the night of April 16 to discuss the subject, "Resolved, that women should have the right to vote in the United States." Lincoln will attempt to uphold the affirmative side of the question while Howard will put forth every effort to undermine it from the standpoint of the negative.

Arrangements are now about to be completed with Wilberforce, for a debate to take place on the campus here; in fact, the arrangements have been completed far enough to assure us that the debate will take place and all that is needed to complete the bargain, is the selection of the team to represent us. No doubt Wilberforce has already chosen her team. We have submitted the subject of *Open Shops*, and as soon as we hear from our friends in the middle west we will be ready to go to work. On Saturday night, March 13, the trial debate for places will be held in the Assembly Room, and from the list of names handed in for the contest,

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To the eternal good fortune of one who turns aside to enquire into the happenings of a century ago this year, the search is not in vain but the find is rich indeed. As one casts a glance back to view the fruits of 1809, he can be little less than astounded that one short year should lay claim to so many men who have become, as it were, accon lights in the world's history, many of whom have been era and epoch makers.

Among the list of those who claim the present year for their centenary, we find Charles Robert Darwin (born Feb. 12, 1809) whose discoveries in the Biological world have completely reversed the course of human thought, revised philosophy, destroyed the theory of "creation," rescued science from the bonds of dialectics, opened the way for scientific investigation in Biology and Physiology. In fact, he has dammed up the shallow stream of scientific superstition and sent the current of scientific thought and investigation coursing down deeper, wider, and more appropriate channels. Here, too, we find the greatest emancipator the world has ever seen, Abraham Lincoln, (born Feb. 12, 1809) who with one mighty stroke administered the blow which gave freedom to 4,000,000 Negro slaves and 27,000,000 white citizens of America and at the same time opened the way and set the precedent for the emancipation of humanity throughout the world. It might be inter-

esting to note that these two men, Darwin and Lincoln, were born on the same day. Here we also find entered the names of Alfred Tennyson (born Aug 6, 1809), Edgar Allen Poe (born Jan 19, 1809) and Oliver Wendall Holmes (born Aug. 29, 1809):—all of whom have made their appeal to the human heart through verse and song. Continuing to examine our list of immortals we find Frederick Franciscois Chopin (born March, 1809) and Felix Bartholdy Mendelssohn (born Feb. 3, 1809), to whose touch the lyre, the harp, and the organ responded with a mighty volume of sweet strains which rose high in their day and sent their faint, sweet echoes trickling down through the decades and over the rocks of ages to entrance and inspire, to soothe and captivate the human heart of the present day and far into the future. We next meet the name of Edward Fitzgerald, the Irish bard, (born March 31, 1809) who translated the Rubyat and gave to the English language the best translation of the Rubyat or any other foreign work that has ever been transformed into the language. He was a friend and benefactor to Tennyson in their younger life but it is said that some coldness arose between them that served, somewhat, to strain their relations. Glancing further down our list of great men and a century earlier we find our old friend Dr. Samuel Johnson (born Sept. 18, 1709) who many years reigned supreme among the literary men of England, was authority and critic, and practically dictated the course of English literature during his lifetime. William Ewart Gladstone, one of the greatest statesmen that England has ever seen was born on December 29, 1809. John Calvin, the great French reformer upon whose doctrine the great Presbyterian Church was built was born in 1809. Hayden, a great composer was rich in as also

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This debate with Wilberforce will doubtless be of great interest and ought to be a lively contest. In a recent issue of the *Sodalian*, we see that Wilberforce is going to be on the war path for our scalps, as it said that if all the students will give the team their support they are sure that they can take us in. Now, that sounds like business and determination and it is now up to us to take the same stand. Let all of us rally around the flag and we will then have ground to feel sure that we will not be taken in. We have all confidence in the team we have chosen to meet Lincoln and we earnestly hope that a team equally as good will be pitted against Wilberforce. We repeat, "LET'S RALLY ROUND THE FLAG" and let, or rather, make this the banner year for Howard on the rostrum.

### • • • • • The Alpha Phi

The meeting of the Alpha Phi on last Friday evening was one of the best and most inspiring that has taken place for many weeks. The attendance was such as to do credit to the College Department and the program was one of the best of its kind ever rendered on the hill. In addition to the student participants, all of whom appeared at their best, the program was set off by an interesting lecture by Dr. Lewis B. Moore, Dean of the Teachers College, on the subject, "The Influence of Heredity and Environment on Racial Development."

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All persons wishing to purchase tickets for Goldsmith's "SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER," to be presented by members of the Freshman Class, in the Memorial Chapel, Friday, April 16, can secure them from the Business Manager directly, or by application to any member of the Freshman Class who will secure them for you.

## Personal

Dr. Calvin Davis, better known as "Texas," of the class of '08 has passed the Texas State Board with a grade of 87.

Miss Ethel T. Robinson, instructor in the Teachers College had a most pleasant surprise by the arrival of her mother, who has come to attend the inauguration.

Miss Rosa Vassar, Freshman College, was visited by her father.

Miss Lena Jenkins, Sophomore College, entertained her father during the inauguration.

Mr. Gross, Senior Prep, had the extreme pleasure of escorting his mother and sister to the parade.

Miss Edna Stephens, who was called home a few days on account of illness in the family, has returned.

Miss Florence Payne is still on the sick list.

Miss Ellen Morris is now teaching in the Mott School in connection with her daily work on the hill.

Messrs C. E. Smith and Jas. R. Chase have been heard from at last. They are hibernating in the "Windy City."

The "Bell" (P. M.) is not confining his tones to the hill alone, he is now ringing in every section of the city.

The University has both exported to and imported from W. Va. a rare specimen within the last two months.

'Twas an evil wind that blew Mr. Garvin "West," says the Alpha Phi Journal.

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The Argus, Biddle Univ.  
College Journal, Rust Univ.  
The Talisman, Fla. College for Women, Tallahassee.

### Concerning Marks

The semester having come to a close, I beg to express one or two ideas on marks. In view of the fact that I have just completed my examinations in the Law School, it will probably be urged that I anticipate law grades. I hasten to

meet this by saying that in looking over my marks for the last six years of my academic work I find marks ranging all the way from 24 to 100—and I assure you I have, and have always had, the same contempt for the two, as well as for all the rest.

Marks are prima facie evidence of knowledge of a subject. It may be rebutted, however. It often turns out that, like suppositions, they disagree with the facts. As to myself, I shall never forget the time when three of us who read our Horace out of the same pony drew marks of 55, 69, and 80 respectively. It was the one instance of my using a pony and I got 69—just think of it 69 in an oral examination in Horace!

It may be laid down that the one getting the stuff sine qua non, in all scholastic efforts is "getting the stuff." This holds with the eternal verities. Prof. Miller told me in 1900 that I never displayed so much knowledge of Mathematics as when I made a mark of 40.

Cui bono? You ask why I write? Well, there are many freshmen and sophomores in Howard. These people are much like intellectual women—they get on one's nerves. Yet I, along with others, appreciate the latent possibilities within them, and if I can say anything to persuade them to "get the stuff," leaving the marks to care for themselves, I feel that I shall have written well.

J. C. WATERS, Col. '04

### Congratulations from Senator Dolliver

Dr. Thirkield received the following letter on March 1:

"Dear Dr. Thirkield,  
I duly received your favor of the 24th, and the copy of the Journal. It is very gratifying indeed to read such comments, and I thank you for sending me the Journal. Please extend my thanks to the editors for me.

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The pugilist never is willing to give in until he gives out.

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